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CHANCE OR PROVIDENCE?

RUTH 2:1-13

Summer Series 'Ruth and the
providence of God' #3

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**There are two kinds of people in the world:
When trees are waving wildly in the wind,
one group of people thinks it is the wind
that moves the trees;
the other group thinks that the motion of
the trees creates the wind
- G.K. Chesterton -**



RUTH 2:1 – BOAZ

- Boaz = in him is strength
- Boaz: left pillar in temple: 1 Kings 7:21
- Man of standing/mighty man of wealth
- // Ruth 3:11 'of noble character'
- // Proverbs 31:10



RUTH 2:2

CARE FOR POOR AND ALIEN

- Gleaning – Leviticus 19:9,10 and 23:22
 - Motive expressed in terms of character of God - 'I am the LORD'
- // Deuteronomy 10:18-19; Ruth 2:12
- *Caring for the poor and alien is no soft option for Christians!*
 - 2 Corinthians 8:9,14; Galatians 2:10



RUTH 2:3

CHANCE OR PROVIDENCE?

- As it turned out she found herself (NIV)
And her hap was ... (KJV)
- *God's gracious providence does not over-ride our human decisions/actions...
...but is expressed through the outworking of our free human choices, decisions and responsibilities*
- GRACE – 2 Corinthians 12:8-9

